

24 March 1969

COINS LOG

SUBJECT: COINS Meeting, 21 March 1969

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1. [] distributed a memorandum on common user's language for COINS. [] will send IHC/SS a copy of it.

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2. [] distributed a progress report from the study being conducted on COINS user language.

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3. [] reported on the day of COINS tests on 12 March 1969. Of 57 interrogations, 30 were answered or aborted. 27 interrogations were not completed. Eight of these 27 interrogations were lost due to switch wrap. The retransmit capability worked very well and was used on 20 messages of the 57 total.

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[] expressed a desire to increase the size of the switch queue to a number larger than 10. [] did not estimate when this could be accomplished.

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Further statistics on the above test are available from my notes.

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[] mentioned that all analysts should be kept away from COINS until sometime in the future, to prevent them from getting discouraged and making further unnecessary caustic comments. It was mentioned that some of the analysts wouldn't fill in the test and analysis forms, due to disgust with the present system.

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[] mentioned that the test and analysis forms were being redesigned.

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It was mentioned, ^{again}~~saying~~, that each user should receive an output statement as to why his answer was not received.

Postponement of the test and analysis period was discussed.

STAT [] mentioned that he ^{would}~~was to~~ talk to Director, NSA ^{concerning}~~about~~ a postponement for starting the COINS test and analysis period.

STAT [] mentioned that it may be desirable to have another short test period after each of the following events are completed:

- a. Switch queue increased in size.
- b. CIA software "fixed".

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STAT [] mentioned that the draft copy of the ^{TILE}~~file~~ inquiry language has been completed.

STAT [] mentioned that the COINS Security Plan was being worked on, and would receive more input from the RYE security plan, when completed.

STAT [] has started to work on revising the DIA COINS Security Plan.

STAT [] said that the rewritten set of COINS Objectives would be distributed in the near future, for further coordination. (These "objectives" have been rewritten to include the inputs from the COINS Subsystem Managers.)

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COINS USER TRAINING PANEL

MEETING OF 20 MARCH 1969.

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1. In attendance:

[Redacted]

2. Next meeting will again be at NPIC on 24 April. We are returning to an afternoon time: 1400. Please notify [Redacted] of additional attendees or need for parking space.

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3. CIA passed out narrative and field descriptions of their remaining two files, and of one NPIC file. DIA and NSA are working on the narrative description of their files. DIA field descriptions may be taken from [Redacted] printout brought in by DIA. The chairman will work up this "catalog" of COINS files for community use.

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4. NIC consoles have arrived and should be in operation soon. DIA will play the principal role in training NIC people. NSA and CIA will participate if requested, but since neither system is responding well at present, no intensive training on their systems will be offered until reliable access and response is established. The Chairman desires to be present at any semi-formal training that is conducted.

5. CIA files are being added to [Redacted] now, and the addition of NSA files is being considered.

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Chairman
COINS User Training Panel

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